



DuPage Art League School & Gallery

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

The Pace is Quickening

Letter from the president, Dan Anderson

With the gradual lifting of quarantine requirements, we are looking at ways to get back in the classroom while keeping everyone safe. At the time this is being written the situation is still fluid, but there is a good possibility that we will be able to do an experiment in the month of August where we offer a very limited number of classes with registrations restricted to the level where we can provide safeguards such as social distancing and disinfecting of rooms between classes. Members are clamoring to enjoy the Art League experience again, but we are operating in a new world and we want to make sure that we can do it correctly.

On a related note, there also is a good possibility that our new website with its e-commerce capability will allow us to let members register for those August classes on the internet. We are clawing our way into the 21st century!

Elsewhere you will find a profile of the newest member of the DPAL Board, Misty Alvis, who has signed on to be VP - Publicity. Misty already is up and running with a suggestion that we consider painting the front windows with eye catching designs. She photographed several examples of what others have done in downtown Wheaton.

And speaking of the front windows, we have acquired a new flat-screen TV which can be used to show videos to people walking by. Our first video probably will show six different ways to paint the same subject - in this case an apple - in different media (watercolors, pastels, oil paints, etc.) all produced by our own instructors. This will be ready as soon as we enlist the aid of someone who can edit videos, splicing these six together and speeding them up so each segment flies by in 30 seconds. Stay tuned.

As promised a month ago, the redesigned DPAL website is up and running. Check it out, if you haven't done so already: dupageartleague.org. Under "Galleries" you will find entries from the June Gallery One Volunteers Art Show, thanks to the efforts of Margaret Bucholz and the artists who did these pieces. The website remains a work in progress. The e-commerce feature which will let us register for classes is close to being ready.

We also anticipate increasing the frequency with which we reach out to members through Constant Contact e-blasts. The idea is to go beyond just announcing DPAL events and schedules to include links to sources of interesting information from throughout the art world. Instructor Wes Douglas worked with Yvonne Thompson to create a very attractive template for presenting these e-blasts.

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Wheaton is Full of Art

Misty Alvis, our new VP-Publicity, did a tour of downtown Wheaton to capture pictures of what some of our neighbors have done with their store front windows. Here are two examples. We will be looking into doing something in this vein on a portion of our windows to liven up our own corner of downtown Wheaton.



Gallery One

There were 25 artists who participated in the June Volunteers Art Show with a total of 48 pieces.

Theme for July online show: Places You Have Traveled. This show will be judged by Maureen Gasek, artist, educator, consultant. Same rules for awards apply as other shows. You can enter up to two pieces, and the second one must be priced at \$125 or less.

Please photograph your artwork by iPhone or digital camera and send to Margaret Bucholz at MargBucholz@comcast.net by June 25. Do this before framing and if already framed under glass, you can avoid glare by putting your piece on the floor in a room with good natural light and photographing by standing above it. Include in your email: (1) title, (2) medium, (3) dimension, and (4) price. This show will be available to view on dupageartleague.org.

On the Lighter Side

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE
ACT ALL INTELLECTUAL
AND TALK ABOUT
MOZART WHILE THEY'VE
NEVER EVEN SEEN ONE
OF HIS PAINTINGS...

Behind the Scenes at the DuPage Art League

Misty Alvis is our newest Board member taking on the role as VP Publicity & Promotions. Misty worked about 10 years in the graphics arts field and then retired to take care of kids. Born in Louisiana and moved to Illinois from Texas, she considers herself a Southerner at heart. Her favorite DPAL classes are Portraits and Pastels. She also has managed the DPAL Facebook site for the last couple of years.



Food for Thought

It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

-Maya Angelou

Great art is the outward expression of an inner life of an artist, and this inner life will result in his personal vision of the world.

-Edward Hopper

Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.

-George S. Patton

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Board Notes



- The Board met at the art league with 10 people present and 3 attending via ZOOM. Misty Alvis was welcomed as the new VP of Publicity and Promotion. Misty has been handling some of our social media working with Mary Dorrell who was the former VP of Publicity.
- Pat Thorson, Treasurer, presented a budget to the board and asked them to review it and provide input. There will be a vote on the budget at our next meeting.
- A new TV has been purchased for use at the league. It was used for the ZOOM meeting but is expected to have multiple uses. It could be placed in the front window showing videos of the teachers working on art projects, in the gallery or used by the teachers to enhance their classroom presentations.
- Much of the meeting involved a discussion on how and when to re-open the league. Kathy Szeszol, VP of Education presented a report on her discussions with teachers about classes at the league or online. She is currently working on the possibility of a few adult classes for August with a limited enrollment, social distancing, special cleaning protocols and masks required.
- Currently, people who would like to pick up their artwork are asked to make an appointment to do so on Mon., Wed, or Fri. between 10AM and 2PM when there is someone at the front desk. They can call during those hours to reach someone or leave a message anytime and a staffer will call them back when they are at the front desk to set up a time.
- Work is continuing on the website with the hope that online registration will be available soon. Plans are also moving forward on the rest of the POS system. President Dan Anderson announced that there will be a weekly e-blast with information not only about the league but also other art related articles that will be launched soon.
- Margaret Bucholz, VP Exhibits Gallery I received a lot of compliments on the on-line Art Show for Volunteers. There are 48 pieces in the show and she did a masterful job of coordinating and producing it.
- The board voted to purchase a new safe and also to purchase plexiglass shields for the front desk from Carlson's Glass in Wheaton in preparation of the league's reopening.
- The board agreed to meet again on Thursday, June 25 to further discuss re-opening.

Inspiration Photo for this Month

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